

A GOOD NAME

ECCLESIASTES 7

Text: Ecc 7:1

(Ecclesiastes 7:1) "A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth."

Introduction:

This is the answer to the question found in chapter 6:12.

(Ecclesiastes 6:12) "For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?"

We should strive to have a good name.

Notice

1. WORTH OF A GOOD NAME

(Proverbs 22:1) "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold."

(Ecclesiastes 7:1) "A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth."

A. A good name is better than the costliest items this world has to offer.

1. Great riches

2. Precious ointment

2. WAYS OUR NAME IS CHOSEN

A. Attitude

1. Rules

2. Authority

B. Actions

1. Actions speak louder than words

C. Associations

1. Birds of a feather flock together.

D. Appearance

1. Our dress

E. Accents

1. The words that come from our mouth will reflect what is in our heart.

3. WAYS TO OBTAIN A GOOD NAME

A. Consider the end (v 8)

(Ecclesiastes 7:8) "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit."

B. Consider the work of God (v. 13)

(Ecclesiastes 7:13) "Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked?"

C. Consider God's presence (v. 18)

(Ecclesiastes 7:18) "It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all."

Close:

God help us to choose a good name.